HOUSE BILL No. 1530

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-8.1-3-17.

Synopsis: Mandatory school attendance age. Raises the age of mandatory school attendance from 16 to 18 years of age.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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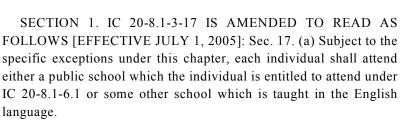
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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:



- (b) An individual is bound by the requirements of this chapter from the earlier of the date on which the individual officially enrolls in a school or, except as provided in subsection (h), the beginning of the fall school term for the school year in which the individual becomes seven (7) years of age until the date on which the individual:
 - (1) graduates; or
 - (2) reaches at least sixteen (16) eighteen (18) years of age but who is less than eighteen (18) years of age and the requirements under subsection (j) concerning an exit interview are met enabling the individual to withdraw from school before graduation. or
 - (3) reaches at least eighteen (18) years of age;



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1	whichever occurs first.
2	(c) An individual who:
3	(1) enrolls in school before the fall school term for the school year
4	in which the individual becomes seven (7) years of age; and
5	(2) is withdrawn from school before the school year described in
6	subdivision (1) occurs;
7	is not subject to the requirements of this chapter until the individual is
8	reenrolled as required in subsection (b). Nothing in this section shall
9	be construed to require that a child complete grade 1 before the child
10	reaches eight (8) years of age.
11	(d) An individual for whom education is compulsory under this
12	section shall attend school each year:
13	(1) for the number of days public schools are in session in the
14	school corporation in which the individual is enrolled in Indiana;
15	or
16	(2) if the individual is enrolled outside Indiana, for the number of
17	days the public schools are in session where the individual is
18	enrolled.
19	(e) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a) through (d), an
20	individual must be at least five (5) years of age on July 1 of the
21	2001-2002 school year or any subsequent school year to officially
22	enroll in a kindergarten program offered by a school corporation.
23	However, subject to subsection (g), the governing body of the school
24	corporation shall adopt a procedure affording a parent of an individual
25	who does not meet the minimum age requirement set forth in this
26	subsection the right to appeal to the superintendent of the school
27	corporation for enrollment of the individual in kindergarten at an age
28	earlier than the age that is set forth in this subsection.
29	(f) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a) through (e),
30	and subject to subsection (g), if an individual enrolls in school as
31	permitted under subsection (b) and has not attended kindergarten, the
32	superintendent of the school corporation shall make a determination as
33	to whether the individual shall enroll in kindergarten or grade 1 based
34	on the particular model assessment adopted by the governing body
35	under subsection (g).
36	(g) To assist the principal and governing bodies, the department
37	shall do the following:
38	(1) Establish guidelines to assist each governing body in
39	establishing a procedure for making appeals to the superintendent
40	of the school corporation under subsection (e).
41	(2) Establish criteria by which a governing body may adopt a
42	model assessment which will be utilized in making the



1	determination under subsection (f).	
2	(h) If the parents of an individual who would otherwise be subject	
3	to compulsory school attendance under subsection (b), upon request of	
4	the superintendent of the school corporation, certify to the	
5	superintendent of the school corporation that the parents intend to:	
6	(1) enroll the individual in a nonaccredited, nonpublic school; or	
7	(2) begin providing the individual with instruction equivalent to	
8	that given in the public schools as permitted under section 34 of	
9	this chapter;	
10	not later than the date on which the individual reaches seven (7) years	
11	of age, the individual is not bound by the requirements of this chapter	
12	until the individual reaches seven (7) years of age.	
13	(i) The governing body of each school corporation shall designate	
14	the appropriate employees of the school corporation to conduct the exit	
15	interviews for students described in subsection (b)(2). Each exit	_
16	interview must be personally attended by:	
17	(1) the student's parent or guardian;	U
18	(2) the student;	
19	(3) each designated appropriate school employee; and	
20	(4) the student's principal.	
21	(j) A student who is at least sixteen (16) seventeen (17) years of age	
22	but less than eighteen (18) nineteen (19) years of age is bound by the	
23	requirements of compulsory school attendance and may not withdraw	
24	from school before graduation unless:	_
25	(1) the student, the student's parent or guardian, and the principal	
26	agree to the withdrawal; and	
27	(2) at the exit interview, the student provides written	
28	acknowledgment of the withdrawal and the student's parent or	V
29	guardian and the school principal each provide written consent for	
30	the student to withdraw from school.	
31	(k) For the purposes of this section, "school year" has the meaning	
32	set forth in IC 21-2-12-3(h).	

